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### Jack Johnson Getting Wealthy in Spain

#### POLITICS THREATEN LINCOLN INSTITUTE

**The Unfounded Charges Published in Kansas City Papers Eminate From Dr. Wm. J. Thompkins, who Designates Himself as the Leader of Negro Democracy in Missouri, and Vice-President of the Negro Democratic League**

**The Good Citizenship of Missouri Solidly Behind President Allen.**

**The Leading Negroes of the State are Satisfied that the Splendid Board of Regents, Named by the Best Governor Missouri has ever had, Will Not Permit this Highest Institution of Learning For Negro Youth to be Dragged Through the Mire of Ward Politics.**

**President Allen a Clean Man**

**NOT A SINGLE ONE OF THE CHARGES TRUMPED UP BY DISAPPOINTED OFFICE SEEKERS AND ENVIOUS POLITICIANS CAN BE SUBSTANTIATED BY THE INSTITUTION'S RECORDS**

**Lincoln Institute a Great School**

**The Honorable Board of Regents Should Pay Heed to Their Own Best Judgment, Backed Up by the Splendid Record of Achievement on the Part of President Allen and His Faculty, and Unanimously Endorsed by Fully 99% of the Negro People of Missouri and the West.**

Perhaps no rumor ever circulated among the Negroes of this state spread with such rapidity or created such a profound impression as did the rumor that President Benjamin Franklin Allen, well and favorably known by Negroes throughout America, had been summarily dismissed from the presidency of Lincoln Institute, based upon the following article appearing in the Kansas City Star of Saturday, June 16, which frankly states the source from whence it emanated.

Negroes of Missouri made a statewide fight eight years ago to oust B. F. Allen from the presidency of Lincoln Institute, a Negro school at Jefferson City. It failed, but the fight never was given up entirely. The progressive Negroes who have protested continually since that time saw victory yesterday when the institute's board of directors set June 29 as the date on which Allen's successor will be elected. Allen's dismissal comes after sixteen years as president and four years as vice president of the school.

According to a copy of report which was brought to Kansas City last night by Dr. William J. Thompkins, Allen was held by state officials to be incompetent.

What organization or individual delegated to Dr. Thompkins the apparently, to him pleasing duty, of having President Allen "fired," the Sun is unable to ascertain, but it does know by long experience in politics and otherwise that Doc pulled one of the biggest "bone heads" in his career when he sent the following letter to a distinguished citizen in

this state who submitted the same to the Board of Regents of the Institution.

"My Honored Sir:—As vice-president of the National Negro Democratic League, and sponsor for Democracy as far as the Negro is concerned in this state, I took up the matter relative to republican politics in Lincoln Institute, our state school at Jefferson City, with Judge Cowgill, of the Democratic Central Committee, and he asked me to write you a letter requesting you to take up this matter immediately with the governor and the democratic members of the board.

During the last campaign, I found it difficult to get a stopping place in some of the towns because of my politics. I found that in a large number of the smaller towns the principals of the colored schools were appointed through the recommendation of the president, B. F. Allen, of our state school. I found that while these men had no ill feeling against me, yet there was a hidden influence which prevented their giving me their moral support and contact, while in their city on my mission for the party, and when they did, they invariably made an apology when found with me.

The position of president of our state school carries with it a deal of power that has long since been recognized by the republican leaders of the state, and they have used it with telling effect. No one knows this better than the Negro who has been courageous enough to wage a battle for democracy among Negroes in this state.

I WAGED THE CAMPAIGN IN THE STATE FOR DEMOCRACY AT MY OWN EXPENSE, AND AFTER INVESTIGATING, I MADE ONE REQUEST OF JUDGE COWGILL, OUR STATE CHAIRMAN, THAT HE SEE THAT B. F. ALLEN IS REMOVED FROM THE PRESIDENCY OF LIN-

COLN INSTITUTE. AND IF I AM TO CONTINUE MY EFFORTS TO STIMULATE DEMOCRACY IN THIS STATE AMONG MY PEOPLE, CERTAINLY IT WILL BE IMPOSSIBLE IF I DO NOT HAVE THE SUPPORT AND CO-OPERATION OF THE MEN WHO REPRESENT THE PARTY.

It was Mr. Allen's private secretary, Mr. R. A. West, who was at Excelsior Springs at the Republican State Convention, in the interest of John Swanger. Dr. Curtis, A. W. Lloyd, Homer Phillips, of St. Louis; W. C. Hueston, C. H. Calloway, J. S. Harris, Nelson C. Crews, of Kansas City; Dr. J. R. A. Crossland, of St. Joseph; C. G. Williams, of Booneville, and others who were in attendance, will tell you that Mr. West did everything he could to align those men in the Swanger bandwagon. If they were democrats, and if they were representing the democratic principles, what was he doing there?

The republican leaders in this state are spending every force and making every amenable sacrifice to perpetuate the republican party in Missouri. The president of Lincoln Institute, by virtue of his position, is perhaps their strongest asset, and they have sense enough to know it, and today such representative men as Dr. Crossland, of St. Joe; Gordon, of St. Louis, and Harris, of Kansas City, are exerting every influence throughout the state to have him retained at Lincoln Institute.

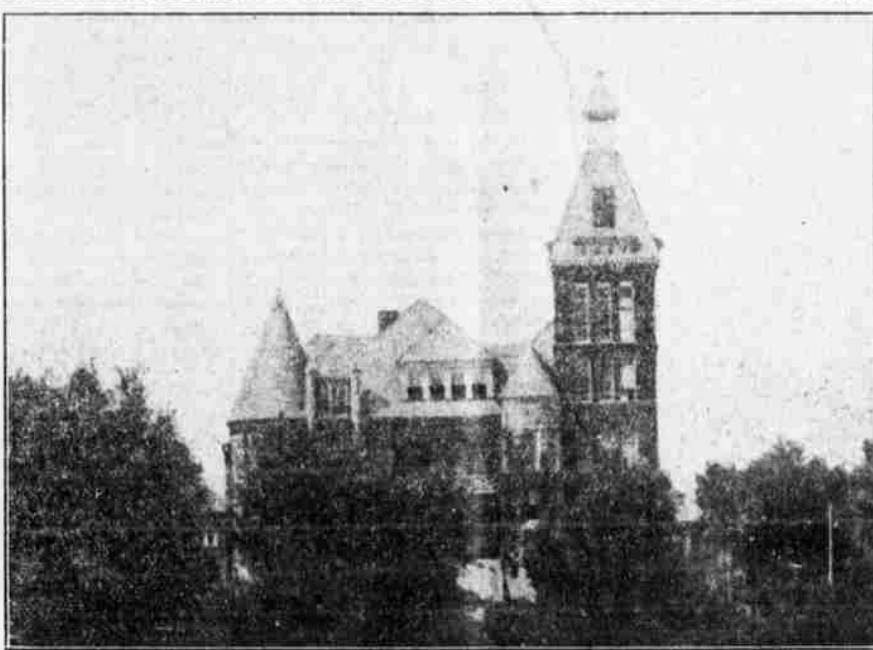
In order that Mr. Allen might build his machine, he has conferred such degrees as LL. D., A. M., and A. B., upon men in this state who have never spent a day in college, notwithstanding we are taught that such degrees are pro-merited. This has made our school a laughing stock of the other schools in this country, and we older members of Lincoln Institute are ashamed to admit that we are graduates of the school because of this most

effort was made then to remove President Allen on account of his political faith then it is reasonable to believe that he must have been a Democrat, but in this letter just sent out by Dr. Thompkins, he would make it appear that Mr. Allen is the most vicious and implacable enemy Democracy has in this state. The truth of the matter is, and every fair-minded unbiased Negro in the state knows it to be true, that President Allen knows nothing about politics and never participates one way or the other in political gatherings. He has felt, and justly so, that it was his duty to devote his whole time and attention to educating the Negro youth of this state to that plane where they would be a positive asset, and not a liability to the imperial commonwealth of Missouri, and how well he has succeeded thousands of Negroes and many splendid whites stand ready to testify.

Isn't it a bit strange that after twenty years of loyal and devoted service to this institution that the hue and cry of politics should be raised to gratify the exaggerated ego of an unwise member of the race who had a rather mortifying experience with breaking down the statutes and political standards in Oklahoma a couple of years ago and to whose assistance the Negroes of the state including the Sun rallied to vindicate his honor and the rights of his people? The Sun has no quarrel with Dr. William J. Thompkins nor would it attempt to deny him the right and privilege of opposing anybody and everybody in public

tional Institution in the state for the higher education of the Negro.

It has been alleged that "Mr. Allen is incompetent and has not gotten results" and the silly charge has been made that Negroes graduating from that institution "could not pass the examination to teach in the public schools of Kansas City." To refute that we need but name the following who have or are now teaching in schools of this city: Ella Davis, Mary I. Fouché, Parson Brown, A. M. Wilson, Walter H. Harrison, Walter G. Wood, Calpernia Edwards, Minerva J. Madlock, Frances B. Dorton, Dollie Yancy Hightower, Amanda Barbour, Sarah Graham Robinson, S. H. Nutall, Mary F. Woods, Laura Douglass James, Essie J. Vernon Landor, Estella Winfrey Woods, Whitfield Ross, Homer Wilburn, Josephine Yates, June Tillman, Etheline Wilson, and among the distinguished men whom the Post without investigation sees fit to term "boot-blocks, cooks, and waiters who have graduated from this splendid institution or have had the degree master of arts conferred under the presidency of Benjamin F. Allen are: Enos L. Scruggs, former president of Western College, Macon, Mo.; William T. Vernon, ex-president of Western University, Quindaro, Kans., former registrar of the United States treasury and now pastor of the largest congregations in Memphis, Tenn.; Jas. H. Kenner, principal of the schools at Marshall, Mo.; William H. Jones, principal of Bartlett High school of St. Joseph, Mo.;



Historic Lincoln Institute, which has graduated hundreds of representative Negroes and which has made a wonderful record for Racial Advancement under Pres. Benjamin Allen.

embarrassing type of prostitution. The Board of Regents meets June 13th, and the members are as follows: J. B. Maughs, Fulton, Rep.; Jim L. Hammett, Huntsville, Dem.; F. S. Sasse, Brunswick, Rep.; W. F. Chamberlain, Hannibal, Rep.; Guy F. Chinn, assistant to State Beer Inspector, Jefferson City, Dem.; Speed Mosby, State Beer Inspector, Jefferson City, Dem.; and Uel W. Lampkin, Supt. Pub. Schools, member ex-officio. And what is to be done must be done quickly, and I hope that you will help me make good my promise to the people of this state, whom I hope I have not misled. If you need any further information, I shall be glad to send it at once.

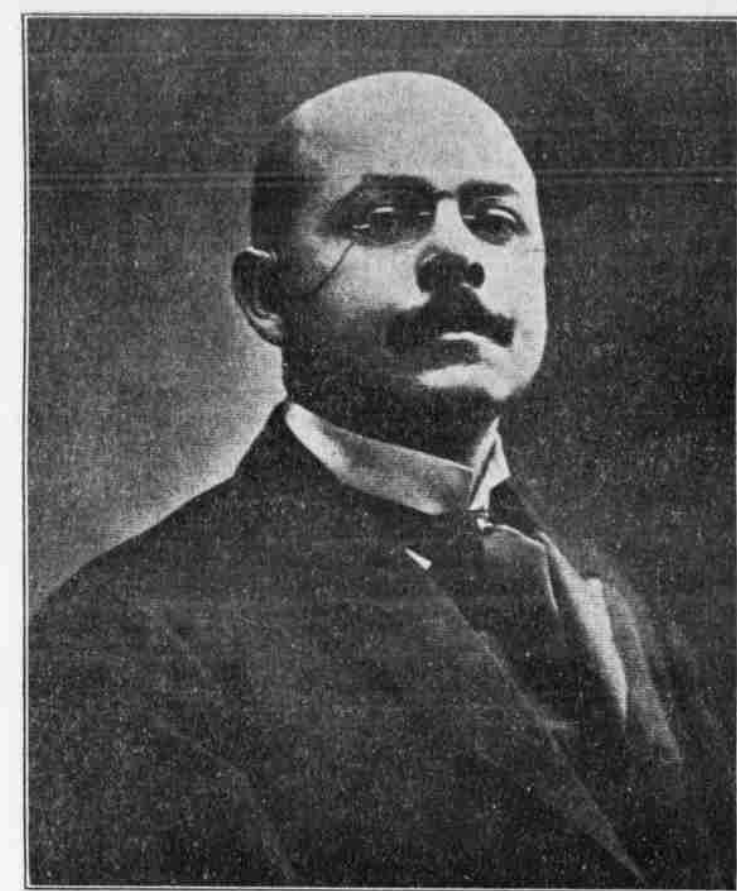
If you want to aid my people, the black folk, with a great service; if you want to break the solidarity of the Negro voting the republican ticket; if you want to make proud the name of Democracy in this state, you can do so by urging the governor and the democratic members of the Board to rid Lincoln Institute of B. F. Allen, who is inimical to the principles for which our party stands.

With considerations of my great respect, believe me,

Yours truly,

WM. J. THOMPkins, M. D.

Eight years ago the administration of the state was in the hands of the Republican party and if an



Benjamin Franklin Allen, President of Lincoln Institute for 16 years, and an educator of national reputation.

#### JOHNSON A TOREADOR NOW.

Barcelona, Spain.—"I should worry" is the motto of Jack Johnson's life here as he enters on his second year in Spain, with the "pickings" every bit as good as they were when he first arrived. For nothing worries Jack now, since he is retired from the right. Fat, the bugaboo of all pugilists, holds no fear for the bulky Negro, and war is to him only a subject of conversation. Money, the source of chief anxiety to most prizefighters in their after years, is the least of Johnson's worries, as he has plenty and is adding daily to his pile.

Johnson's interests in Barcelona are diverse. In the first place he is a toreador, working steadily three times a week and on holidays, and rapidly earning a place of endearment in the hearts of the tender Spaniards who delight in seeing worn-out horses disemboweled by maddened bulls.

Recently Johnson has added another string to his bow by becoming an editor. He has purchased an interest in a periodical published weekly in Spanish and devoted to Socialism and sports—strange bedfellows, but forced into contiguity by the merging of two publications. Long screeds in Spanish are printed in every issue over Johnson's flourishing signature, but he betrays intense modesty in discussing these articles, due, according to some doubters, to the fact that he does not know what they contain.

Johnson is a prime favorite with the Barcelona people, who never weary of watching him in the bull ring, and devotees of bull fighting assert he has attained considerable skill as a toreador. Also he continues a prime drawing card as a boxer and shadow boxer. Although he has not appeared in the squared ring for a couple of years, and declares to his friends he never will appear therein again, he continues to give "training exhibitions" a couple of times a week, when, for a few pesos, the wide-eyed credulous Spaniards can watch him "working himself into condition" for the match they implicitly believe he is training for.

The former champion skips the rope and punches the bag, causing great astonishment at the finale when he pulls his old trick of striking a glancing blow and tearing the planks loose from the rope and sending it bouncing among the crowd, just as he did at Reno before the Jeffries contest. Then he wrestles a while and finally he boxes a couple of two-minute rounds. His opponent is either one of the Negroes who are in his retinue here or some husky Spaniard who believes he is a boxer and wants a chance to prove it. Johnson has dissipated the hopes of a good many of this class, and his continued ability to put these gentry away with a punch auses the people to think he is still championship timber.

#### Doesn't Intend to Return.

Johnson and his white wife live in a handsome house in the best and most exclusive part of Barcelona, and recently when he was having his home renovated and redecorated they lived for a month at the best hotel in Barcelona. They are often there for dinner and Johnson is a familiar figure in the supper room, where tango is the sport until daybreak. He never attempts to dance, however, and he limits his liquid refreshments to a few glasses of champagne.

"Back to America!" echoed Johnson, in answer to an inquiry. "Never for mine! I've done all the fighting I want to do, and fighting in the army doesn't appeal to me at all. Barcelona is good enough for me."

#### THE MINOR PROPHET SPEAKS.

Time of Revelation Began 8:30 A. M., June 11, 1917.

Thus saith the Lord of Hosts concerning Isaiah's vision, the son of Amoz, which he saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem the days Uzziah, Jotham Ahaz and Hezekiah, king of Judah. Thus saith the God of Heavens "Give ear old earth these names are spiritually unto your Country and Government." The vision which troubled Isaiah's head on June 5, 1917, and time of the hour was twelve minutes after twelve; I am Alpha the first and the last. Talking unto him and telling him to write what I reveal unto him, then I wrote what my father revealed unto me. I saw an ark angel by the name of Gabriel who was clothed with majesty with sword in one hand and hell-death and destruction was on New York City. Near the harbor vengeance was sworn on New York City and one-fifth of that city would be destroyed. Your God and Father saith the mystery of the interpretation belongs to Him. The sun, moon and stars obeyed. Thus saith the Lord of Hosts the revelation of mystery of the vision is Revelation, 18th Chapter, 19th verse; Psalms 77, verse 19. Jeremiah, 5th Chapter, 15th verse. God talks now that I sent my son in yonder world to testify of the things which shortly cometh to pass who bear the name of Isaiah Minor, prophet, who bear record of me and I of him. Thus saith the Lord of Hosts: Look, behold the record that he bore to me.

Isaiah, first chapter, first verse. Jeremiah, first chapter, fifth verse. Ezekiel, first chapter, second verse. Time revelation stopped 10:30 a. m. Isaiah Minor, prophet.

#### DR. SMITH'S WISE SUGGESTIONS.

Dr. Theo. Smith says: "Investments in cheap automobiles, flashy clothes and phoney diamonds will never make a substantial race. And so long as the so-called 'lead' Negroes practice such deception will always remain economic and a universal joke."

Lincoln institute was founded fifty-one years ago and had its origin in a fund of \$6,379.00 contributed by the people of the state. (See Page 5, Col. 4.)